

## Hon Kenneth LEUNG 梁繼昌議員

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### Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

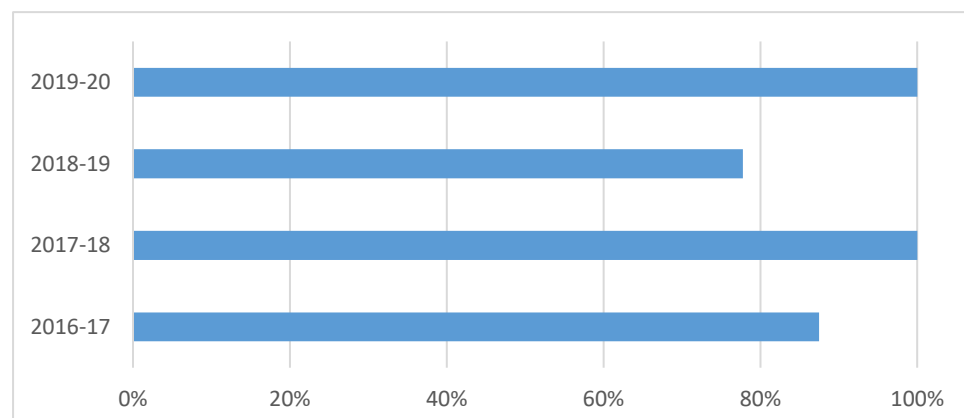
- Panel on Environmental Affairs
- Bills Committee on Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Bill
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- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Vehicle Design Standards) (Emission) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
- Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Development of Electric Vehicles

### Voting Record:

8 December 2016: Motion Moved by Hon Chan Han-Pan on “Updating the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines and Increasing Community Facilities to Enhance Living Environment” as Amended by Hon Alice Mak, Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai-Kwok, Hon Frankie Yick and Hon Andrew Wan	Yes
1 June 2017: Motion on “Promoting ‘Hong Kong People Using Hong Kong Water’ and Protecting Local Resources”	Yes
5 July 2017: Proposed Resolution Moved by Secretary for the Environment under the Product Eco-Responsibility Ordinance and the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance	
16 November 2017: Proposed Resolution under the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance	
31 January 2018: Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Third Reading	Yes
12 April 2018: Motion Moved by Hon Frankie Yick on “Promoting the Popularization of Electric Vehicles” as Amended by Hon Kenneth Leung, Hon Charles Peter Mok, Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai-Kwok, Hon Yung Hoi-Yan, Hon Chan Hak-Kan and Hon Tanya Chan	Yes

### Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Member



### Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

Panel on Environmental Affairs

20161128	33. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> pointed out that a vast majority of recycled materials were exported abroad or to the Mainland. Hence, the business operations of recyclers were vulnerable to price fluctuations and import controls in these markets. He asked if the Administration had any measures to boost the local demand for recycled products so as to enhance the local recycle chain, such as according priority under ESP to projects that involved the processing of recyclables and manufacturing of recycled products of higher quality for sale locally.	Waste
20161219	38. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> , on the other hand, suggested that the Administration might consider adopting emission standards that were more stringent than California LEV III for diesel private cars.	Air
20161219	48. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> urged the Administration to extend the [first registration tax waiver for EVs].	Air
20170123	16. Referring to the solar roads in the Netherlands, <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> suggested launching a pilot scheme of paving glass-coated solar panels at suitable locations such as waterfront promenades.	Climate
20170227	14. Mr WU Chi-wai and <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> suggested that the Administration should consider installing photovoltaic panels on the rooftop of the plant house to harness renewable energy for the use of KTSPS and/or KTPTW.	Climate
20170227	24. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> , Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr Andrew WAN	Climate

	and Mr WU Chi-wai requested the Administration to clarify its policy objectives in respect of the FRT waiver and promotion of EVs. They criticized that the revised FRT waiver appeared to be retrogressive and contradicting other ongoing measures to promote wider adoption of EVs. Reducing the FRT concession for electric private cars would only drive buyers to choose conventional private cars, and would not help contain private car growth and improve roadside air quality, if measures targeting at reducing petrol and diesel private cars were not implemented concurrently, such as imposing heavier FRT on these vehicles. Besides, the objective to contain vehicle growth could be pursued in other contexts, and not necessarily through adjusting FRT concessions. Referring to a statistical analysis, <b>Mr LEUNG</b> remarked that there appeared to be no strong correlation between EV growth and private car growth in the past years.	
20170327	6. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> , Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr Martin LIAO, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr HO Kai-ming and Mr Kenneth LAU expressed support in principle for the proposed quantity-based MSW charging.	Waste
20170327	13. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> said that he was not convinced that there was correlation between MSW charging and waste reduction as the effectiveness of MSW charging could be affected by the cultures and customs of different nationalities and societies.	Waste
20170424	10. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired about the measures to enhance support for recycling of plastic bottles and ensure that there would be sufficient outlets for such recyclables. <b>Mr LEUNG</b> also expressed concern about marine littering of plastic bottles and bags which might adversely affect the marine habitats. Referring to the use of soy powder in some countries for making biodegradable and edible plastic bags, he urged the Administration to consider mandating the use of biodegradable materials for manufacturing plastic bags.	Waste
20170429	35. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> noted that Feed-in Tariff ("FiT") would be introduced under the new SCAs so that the power generated by the private sector could be sold to the power	Climate

	companies at a rate higher than the normal electricity tariff rate to cover the costs of investment in the RE systems and generation. He asked whether any target would be set on the volume of RE generated by the private sector and timetable for the introduction of FIT scheme.	
20170717	10. Noting that Annex VI to MARPOL had provided for a mechanism for IMO Members to designate their waters as an ECA within which all vessels must use fuel containing not more than 0.1% sulphur from January 2015 onwards, and with the common use and adequate supply of local fuel containing 0.05% sulphur, <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> questioned why the present proposal only required vessels to use low sulphur fuel with sulphur content of not more than 0.5%.	Air
20170717	21. Mr MA Fung-kuok expressed concern about marine emissions from vessels exempted from compliance with the proposed regulation as such vessels might emit large amounts of pollutants while calling at the Hong Kong port. He suggested the Administration consider implementing administrative measures for such vessels, including military vessels, to berth at spaces distant from the densely populated shores of the Victoria Harbour. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> expressed a similar concern.	Air
20170717	25. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> supported the proposal to further reduce emission allowances for power plants starting from 1 January 2022. Noting that the Administration had set a carbon intensity reduction target of 50%-60% by 2020 when compared to 2005, he enquired whether there were any new technological developments to enable the measurement of carbon dioxide ("CO <sub>2</sub> ") emissions from power plants. He also pointed out that the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States of America had laid down the "carbon pollution standards for existing power plants" in 2015 and suggested that the Administration make reference to their methods and criteria for setting the standard.	Climate
20171012	12g. Efforts to reduce people's use of tissue paper for wiping hands: <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> called on the Administration to step up efforts to reduce people's use of tissue paper for wiping hands and consider taking legislative measures to	Waste

	regulate the free supply of such paper in public toilets where necessary;	
20171030	12. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired about the timetable and details regarding the implementation of large scale floating solar farms at impounding reservoirs in Hong Kong, and whether the Administration had plans to develop more of such facilities on other available surface such as the rooftops of flyovers, restored landfills and large scale rock slopes.	Climate
20171219	39. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> referred to the preliminary results of the study commissioned by the Administration on "Further enhancing quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour" ("the Study") which confirmed that the pollution problems along the Harbour were mostly related to discharge of polluted water through storm water outfalls and misconnections of foul sewers with storm drainage pipes and non-point sources. He enquired about the number of misconnected foul sewers currently identified and the time required to rectify the misconnections. He was also concerned that public education on proper sewer connection was inadequate, and enquired how the enforcement actions would be taken against illegal discharge of waste water and sewer misconnections in the long run.	Water
20180226	4. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> considered that if tailpipe emissions from conventional vehicles were still the major source of roadside air pollution, the Administration should spare no efforts in promoting a wider use of EVs.	Air
20180226	18. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired whether the Administration had considered installing EV chargers at on-street parking meters and smart lampposts. <b>Mr LEUNG</b> urged the Administration to take forward more outdoor charging facilities expeditiously if they were found to be reliable.	Air
20180423	21. Mr Kenneth LAU and <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> noted that an FiT Scheme participant would need to apply for a business registration and file a profits tax return for the income from selling electricity generated by the RE system. They expressed concern that such requirements might hinder members of the public from participating in the Scheme. They urged the Administration to consider exempting individuals	Climate

	participating in the FiT Scheme from the above requirements.	
20180625	5. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> suggested studying the practices of the selected places in the development and management of restored landfills.	Waste
20181011	8c. Proposed overseas duty visit: <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> suggested that the Panel conduct an overseas duty visit to study overseas experience in managing restored landfills and implementing feed-in tariff in the 2018-2019 session;	Misc
20181022	4. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> welcomed the proposal of ceasing the first registration of diesel private cars and urged the Administration to set a clear timetable in this regard with reference to the practices of other jurisdictions (such as the United Kingdom and Germany) before it consulted the relevant trades lest the implementation of the proposal be postponed.	Air
20181022	9. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> pointed out that there had been criticism that the Administration had adopted a conservative approach in the review of the Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs") which could only bring about a modest improvement in air quality. He enquired if the Administration would consider setting more ambitious targets with a view to achieving an air quality that would be best for public health.	Air
20181022	27. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> remarked that, in response to a question he raised at a Council meeting in November 2017, SEN had advised that the Administration would commence a consultancy study relating to microplastics. He enquired about the progress of the consultancy study.	Waste
20181022	32. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired whether the Administration had studied the use of new technologies and equipment to remove marine refuse. In this connection, he remarked that an overseas organization named The Ocean Cleanup had recently deployed advanced systems to capture and extract marine refuse on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and it might be possible that miniaturized systems using similar technologies could be deployed in Hong Kong waters.	Waste
20181126	5. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> pointed out that the "One-for-One Replacement" Scheme launched in 2018 had limited success in promoting the adoption of electric private cars, and the	Air

	petrol private car fleet continued to expand at a rapid rate. In view of the above, he suggested that the Panel should discuss the item of "Promoting the use of electric vehicles ("EVs")" as early as possible and preferably before the announcement of the 2019-2020 Budget.	
20190325	6. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> opined that protection of public health should take priority over other considerations when conducting a review of AQOs.	Air
20190325	30. The Chairman referred members to the following motion moved by <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> : "Given that in the past five years, the air quality in Hong Kong has persistently exceeded WHO's standards, seriously affecting public health, and there were a total of 10 800 premature deaths caused by air pollution, this Panel requests the Government to make protecting public health the primary objective of revising AQOs, withdraw the proposal of relaxing the allowable exceedances for 24-hour average concentration of PM2.5 to 35 times, and tighten the AQOs for PM10 and O3 at the same time, in order to demonstrate the Government's commitment to attaching importance to public health and reflect the original purpose of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, which is to "abate, prohibit and control pollution of the atmosphere". Meanwhile, this Panel requests the Administration to undertake that AQOs must be aligned expeditiously with the most stringent WHO standards so as to ensure public health."	Air
20190429	18. Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Kenneth LAU and <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> welcomed the proposed introduction of further enhancement measures to the Recycling Fund.	Waste
20191017	13a. Electric vehicle ("EV") charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of private residential buildings: noting that the Environment Bureau would formulate a pilot subsidy scheme for promoting the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of existing private residential buildings, <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> suggested that the Panel should discuss the scheme and consider inviting public views thereon;	Air

20191028	25. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> also sought elaboration on the policy direction regarding the regulation of microbead-containing products.	Waste
20191028	32. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired whether all waste glass containers collected by the glass management contractors had been properly recycled, and what the major outlets for the recycled materials were.	Waste
20191125	6. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> said that he did not support the proposed legislative amendments to the Regulation (which aimed to discontinue the granting and renewal of fishing permits of four marine parks) in principle, as he considered that the scope of fishing ban under the proposed new strategy was rather limited from the conservation perspective. Quoting WWF-Hong Kong's submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)178/19-20(01)), he enquired whether the Administration had considered prohibiting all fishing activities in the four marine parks concerned and/or imposing commercial fishing ban in all existing and new marine parks, and granting higher levels of EGA to affected permit holders correspondingly.	Water
20191125	9. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> sought elaboration on why fishing operations were not considered major threats to marine mammals in Hong Kong.	Water
20191216	33. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> expressed support for the motion and agreed that the accountability mechanism in relation to air pollutant exceedances should be reviewed. He considered that more accurate measurement of air pollutant emissions from different sources should be taken, so that the violators could be identified and suitably penalized. He also urged EPD to act on the recommendations of the Audit Commission made in 2012 on achieving AQOs.	Air
20191216	40. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> pointed out that after the Administration had announced the proposed introduction of a pilot scheme of \$2 billion to subsidize the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of existing private residential buildings, many owners' corporations ("OCs") of residential buildings halted their original plans to install such infrastructure in their buildings to avoid missing	Air



	out on the subsidies. He urged the Administration to launch the pilot scheme expeditiously so as to restore the momentum of car park upgrades, and asked whether the Administration would consider calling for and vetting applications for subsidies in advance pending the finalization of the scheme.	
20200122	45. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> sought information on (a) the current supply situation of e-PLBs; (b) the major factors constraining the adoption of e-PLBs in the past, and how the Administration would overcome these challenges in future; and (c) the criteria for evaluating the performance of e-PLBs to be tested out under the pilot scheme, and the timetable for replacing conventional PLBs with e-PLBs on a large scale if the outcomes of the pilot scheme were favourable.	Air
20200122	47. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok said that PLB operators were generally interested in trying out e-PLBs, but they were discouraged from doing so in the past by the difficulties encountered relating to the installation of charging facilities at PLB termini or other public places. He opined that relevant government departments should join hands to cut red tape in order to facilitate the installation of e-PLB charging facilities. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> expressed similar views and asked whether the technologies for power supply equipment relating to e-PLB quick charging were already mature.	Air

Bills Committee on Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Bill

20180716	<p>1. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG's</b> enquiries and the Administration's responses on:</p> <p>(a) how port inspections of fishing vessels carrying Antarctic marine living resources and seeking to enter Hong Kong waters would be conducted; and</p> <p>2. (b) how to ensure that, in the event that a vessel seeking to enter Hong Kong was suspected of having had engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated ("IUU") fishing activities, public officers concerned would have the necessary capability to undertake frontline enforcement work, in particular, handling the testing of toothfish samples.</p>
20181008	3. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG's</b> view that when and after the relevant

	<p>regulations were/had been tabled in LegCo and if a subcommittee was formed to study the regulations, the Administration should provide all the details of the framework concerning extra-territorial operations under clause 4(2) and explain how the regulations would apply to "Hong Kong persons/Hong Kong companies" and "other persons acting in Hong Kong".</p> <p>4. The Chairman and <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</b> enquired about the need to empower SFH to make regulations with extra-territorial effect. The Administration explained that the implementation of certain CMs might require Contracting Parties ("CPs") to CCAMLR to regulate acts outside their territories. For example, under CM10-05 (Catch Documentation Scheme for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp.), each CP should require that each landing of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. at its ports and each transshipment of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. from, or to, its vessels be accompanied by a completed <i>Dissostichus</i> catch document. Under CM10-08, CPs should take measures to verify if any of their nationals, natural or legal persons were engaged in, responsible for or benefit from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities for toothfish, and take appropriate action to deprive the benefits obtained and dissuade the actors of further illegal activities.</p>
20181106	<p>5. <b>Mr Kenneth LEUNG's</b> enquiry and the Administration's explanation on the meaning of the expression "purportedly performing" in clause 33(1) and the use of the same expression in other ordinances.</p>

Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants  
(Amendment) Bill 2017

20171017	<p>1. Discussion on Mr CHAN's suggestion for the Administration to take back the PLs of the traders by providing them with an ex-gratia payment. <b>The Chairman</b> requested that the Administration provided details of the recent legislative proposals on restriction of ivory trade in the United Kingdom and France.</p> <p>2. <b>The Chairman's</b> enquiry and the Administration's explanation on the definition of antique ivory and the rationale for allowing the trade in antique ivory to continue.</p> <p>3. <b>The Chairman's</b> enquiry and the Administration's response on the definition of "elephant" and "elephant ivory".</p>
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	<p>4. <b>The Chairman's</b> enquiry and the Administration's explanation on the definitions of "specimen" and "elephant hunting trophy".</p> <p>5. ALA5 and <b>the Chairman</b> reminded Dr HO that under Rule 57(4)(a) of the Rules of Procedure, an amendment to a bill must be relevant to the subject matter of the bill and to the subject matter of the clause to which it related. When considering the admissibility of the proposed CSAs , the President of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") would consider, apart from whether the CSAs would have the effect of altering the subject matter of the Bill, all other relevant factors including the long title, explanatory memorandum, provisions of the Bill and the relevant Legislative Council Brief. The proposed CSAs would be subject to the ruling of the President of LegCo on whether they were admissible after taking into account all relevant considerations.</p>
20171129	<p>6. <b>The Chairman</b> drew members' attention to the paper provided by the Legal Service Division ("LSD") in response to members' request for LSD's advice on whether the Administration's plan to phase out local ivory trade as proposed in the Bill without compensation to the affected parties would be consistent with Articles 6 and 105 of the Basic Law.</p> <p>7. <b>The Chairman</b> said that as the Bills Committee already had thorough discussion at previous meetings on relevant policy issues, members who were not satisfied with the Administration's response could consider moving Committee Stage amendments ("CSAs") to the relevant clauses of the Bill. He considered that the Bills Committee should continue with the clause-by-clause examination of the Bill.</p> <p>8. <b>The Chairman</b> reiterated that the Bills Committee would revisit those issues once the requested information was available and the Bills Committee would continue with the clause-by-clause examination of the Bill. Moreover, members could propose CSAs to the Bill after the Bills Committee had completed scrutiny of the Bill.</p> <p>9. <b>The Chairman</b> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the exceptional circumstances justifying the approval of the Director as proposed in sections 4, 6 and 10 of the new Schedule 4.</p>
20171211	<p>10. <b>The Chairman</b> concluded that the Bills Committee had completed</p>

	<p>clause-by-clause examination of the Bill.</p> <p>11. <b>The Chairman</b> enquired whether and how legislative control to ban all domestic ivory trade should be implemented by relevant Parties to CITES as specified in the relevant Council Order(s) issued by the United Nations.</p> <p>12. <b>The Chairman</b> enquired whether any pre-Convention ivory from the EU countries could still be imported to Hong Kong after the implementation of a total ban on ivory trade in Hong Kong by the end of 2021.</p> <p>13. <b>The Chairman</b> also said that members could propose CSAs to the relevant provisions of the Bill if they were not convinced by the Administration's explanation.</p>
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Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste)  
(Amendment) Bill 2018

20181205	<p>1. <b>Mr LEUNG</b> was concerned whether the Administration had consulted the Competition Commission on the potential arrangement for sale of DBs at retail outlets in lieu of (a) retailers' distribution of PSBs which were currently subject to environmental levy, and/or (b) sale of non-DBs. The Administration took note of his concern and advised that it would consider the issue.</p> <p>2. <b>Mr LEUNG</b> suggested that DBs and DLs be provided to members of the public free-of-charge for a period of about six to 12 months at the early stage of implementation of the proposed charging scheme to allow the community to get accustomed to the charging arrangements gradually.</p>
20200421	<p>3. Mr TAM and <b>Mr LEUNG</b> considered that the Bills Committee should expedite the process of studying the Bill and proceed to its clause-by-clause examination as early as possible, given that its policy aspects had been thoroughly deliberated in 12 meetings.</p> <p>4. In view of the complicated text of the Bill, widespread concerns about enforcement arrangements, and the worsened economic and social conditions, <b>Mr LEUNG</b> opined that it was imperative for the Administration to put in place a sufficiently long preparatory period before the actual implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme, if the Bill was passed.</p>